

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicant submits herewith a new Power of Attorney. Please send all further correspondence in this application to Customer No. 44702. Applicants also submit an Information Disclosure Statement making prior art cited in commonly-owned related applications of record in this application.

1. Claim Allowances.

The following claims were allowed by the Examiner in the present office action dated 12/8/2005, claims 1-4 and 6-36.

Claim 5, which is as originally filed, was not disposed of. Claim 6, which was cancelled in a previous amendment, was allowed in the present office action.

The applicant suspects that the Examiner intended to allow claim 5 rather than claim 6 in the present office action. Clarification is respectfully requested.

2. Claim Rejections.

The following rejections were made by the Examiner in the office action dated December 9, 2005.

1. Claims 37, 39 – 40 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson et al (6,464,169) in view of Cheung (2003/0019976).
2. Claim 38 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson et al in view of Cheung as applied above, and further in view of Greenison (1427588).

The applicant has requested that claims 37-40 be cancelled without prejudice, and that new Claims 41-44 be added.

The addition of Claims 41-44 does not raise new matter. The subject matter claimed in Claim 41 can be found in claim 37 (now cancelled). The subject matter claimed in Claim 42 can be found in claim 38 (now cancelled). The subject matter claimed in Claim 43 can be found in claim 39 (now cancelled). The subject matter claimed in Claim 44 can be found in claim 40 (now cancelled).

Claims 41-44 are dependent on Claim 1, which is currently allowed, and are not obvious when the cited prior art is considered separately or in any combination and should therefore be allowed.

The applicant has requested the cancellation of Claims 37-40 without prejudice. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection of claims 37-40 is now moot.

It is submitted that the application now is in condition for allowance and notification thereof is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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